

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LEGISLATION TO MAKE THE IRC SECTION 911 EXCLUSION MORE EQUITABLE

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to correct one of the more misguided provisions of the 1986 Tax Reform Act.

Section 911 was added to the Tax Code to help U.S. businesses increase their exports of goods and services. These increased exports in turn helped to create jobs in the United States.

Unfortunately, section 911 has been viewed more as a source of increased revenues than increasing U.S. jobs. Because of this misguided philosophy, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 froze the section 911 earned income exclusion at \$70,000. Thus, since 1986 the section 911 exclusion has not kept pace with inflation or other cost-of-living increases.

The legislation I am introducing today will correct the current inequities facing section 911 and allow the section 911 exclusion to reflect cost-of-living increases since 1986.

I hope Members on both sides of the aisle will join me and support this long-needed legislation.

AIDS—THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN YOUNG WOMEN

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by 23 of my colleagues in reintroducing legislation to address the need for increased research on HIV/AIDS in women.

Despite the reduction in overall AIDS deaths in 1996, HIV/AIDS continues to be the third leading cause of death among women who are 25–44 years of age, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The death rate for women actually increased by 3 percent in 1996, resulting in a record 20 percent of reported AIDS cases in adults. Women are the fastest growing group of people with HIV, with low-income women and women of color being hit the hardest by this epidemic. African-American and Latina women represent 78 percent of all U.S. women diagnosed with AIDS.

Since 1990, I have introduced legislation to ensure Federal support for research on HIV/AIDS in women. While progress has been made, there are still many unanswered questions about the disease in women, which affects their access to effective therapies and prevention methods.

The bill includes several major elements, including funding for research on methods of

protection from the transmission of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, with an emphasis on methods that women can afford and control without the cooperation or knowledge of their male partners. We must acknowledge and respond to the issues of low self-esteem, economic dependency, fear of domestic violence, and other factors that are barriers to empowering women to negotiate safer sex practices. The bill also includes additional funding to continue the Women's Interagency HIV Study, the ongoing study of HIV progression in women, and to conduct other research to determine the impact of potential risk factors for HIV transmission to women.

I urge my colleagues to join us as cosponsors of this legislation.

HOLOCAUST IN AFRICA

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, this week in Israel, in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, and around the world for a few moments the horror of World War II's Holocaust was remembered.

"Never again" was the theme often repeated. This week in Zaire they removed the corpses of refugees from boxcars, and continued the body count of innocent African men, women, and children.

The Rebel Tutsi-dominated army has massacred thousands of Hutu refugees.

The modern day slaughter and holocaust of Rwanda is being repeated in Zaire.

While I strongly support our former colleague and present U.N. Ambassador's role in seeking peace in this war-torn region of Africa—Ambassador Richardson—every American and world citizen and every holocaust survivor must also seek justice.

Today we cannot turn our backs or look the other way as they did five decades past. In Africa, those responsible for murder, genocide, and slaughter must be brought to justice.

This Congress, our Nation, and the United Nations should not rest while this slaughter in Africa continues. If not, the words of yesterday's Holocaust remembrance will, both today and tomorrow, have a hollow ring.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK SENDLEWSKI FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RIVERHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to pay tribute to a smalltown hero from Riverhead, Long Island, NY. On May 13,

1997, Mr. Frank Sendlewski will be honored by his family and friends for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Riverhead Volunteer Fire Department.

Born on Sweezy Avenue, Frank Sendlewski joined the Riverhead Volunteer Fire Department in 1947, shortly after fulfilling his service to the U.S. Navy during World War II. Frank's selfless commitment to protecting the lives and property of his Riverhead neighbors enabled him to rise to the rank of captain of the Riverhead Fire Department by 1957, a position he served in for 2 years.

The son of one of the founders of the Riverhead Volunteer Fire Department, Frank has devoted himself to the community where he and Florence Sendlewski, his wife of 48 years, have raised their four children, Mary Ann, Madelyn, Michael, Martin. Frank and Florence are now the proud grandparents of six: Christy, Ashley, Andy, Jennifer, Jeffrey, and Jason.

The Sendlewski's raised their wonderful family in the proud, historic area of Riverhead known as Polish Town, where they still live on Lincoln Avenue. A cobbler by trade, Frank owned a shop on Railroad Avenue for more than 5 years, until the shop was destroyed by fire. Through he eventually rebuilt the shop, Frank ultimately went to work as a sheet metal mechanic at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's facility on Plum Island.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Sendlewski is one of Riverhead's most cherished citizens because he gives so much of himself to the community. Frank is also an active member of the American Legion Post and St. Isadore's Roman Catholic Church. Every Christmas, Frank puts on his red suit and white beard to play Santa Claus to hundreds of Riverhead children.

Here on eastern Long Island, we cherish the close-knit smalltown feel of our communities, where people wave hello when they see you on the street and neighbors help each other out in times of need, without having to be asked. Mr. Speaker, it is no accident that Riverhead is that type of community. It is because of the commitment and hard work of family's like the Sendlewskis.

That is why I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting Frank Sendlewski on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of service to the Riverhead Volunteer Fire Department. Because of that lifetime of devotion to his community, a man like Frank Sendlewski is as valuable to America as he is to Riverhead.

TAIWAN DEMOCRACY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impressive strides that the Government and people of Taiwan have made in strengthening democracy and a free market system in their

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